

## 'Taking Back Our Communities' examines what it takes for a better society

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

A panel of experts in the field of dealing with people with drug issues took to the stage Tuesday evening, September 8, to offer their advice as part of the "Taking Back Our Communities" event, sponsored by the Family Services Program with Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

One of the organizers of the event is Tena Quackenbush, program manager with Community Supportive Services of Ho-Chunk Social Services.

"I'm very passionate about what is going on. Î see what is happening with people and drugs," she said. "It's an epidemic in all of our towns."

The Ho-Chunk Nation has put the community in a state of emergency because of the number of babies being born addicted to illegal drugs because their mothers are drug users, she said.

"The main message is that it's going to take the whole community to fight this epidemic of drugs and gangs," said Life Skills Coordinator Curtis Redbird with Ho-Chunk

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HOCAK WORAK NEWSPAPER TEL: (800) 472-3089 FAX: (715) 284-7852 Please notify the Newspaper of any address changes or corrections Social Services. "This is a community crisis."

Peggy Sanborn, creator of The Shelby Project, told her story of how she lost her daughter due to drugs.

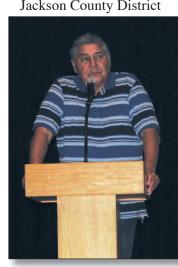
It was May 21, 2010, when she received a phone call to come to Gundersen Lutheran Hospital as soon as possible. When she arrived, an officer told her that her daughter, Shelby, had died. She was asked if she wanted to see her. She agreed.

"When I saw my baby lying on a cold stainless steel table, I couldn't believe it," Sanborn said. "I whispered in her ear, 'Please open your eyes. Stop being a drama queen."

Her daughter's boyfriend was charged with first-degree reckless homicide.

"Out of my pain, I created The Shelby Project to prevent the use of drugs by our children," she said. "My goal is to rid the world of drugs and never have to talk about drugs again."

The Shelby Project has three goals, she said. They are to help drug users to recover, to help the parents of drug users and to educate the public about the dangers of drug use.



Bernie Stevens of Lincoln Hills School tells how parents enable their children to perform bad behaviors by protecting them when they should allow their children to grow up.



Tom Johnson of the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group tells the audience how becoming involved in the activities of the community can make a difference. Seated at the tables are (from left) Black River Falls Police Chief Scot Eisenhauer, Jackson County District Attorney Gerald Fox and Peggy Sanborn, founder of The Shelby Project.

Attorney Gerald Fox said that in February 2009, they had one of the biggest drug dealer busts in Western Wisconsin history, all because one person wrote down the activities of a drug house, including times of people coming and license plate

"Thirty-one drugs arrests were made, including a Latin King, who was sent to prison for 30 years," Fox said. "But in six months, things resumed like nothing had happened. We need continued involvement of alert citizens.'

Some people have argued that they don't want to inform police of what is going on in their neighborhood because they "don't want to live in a police state," Fox

"The last thing I want to do is to go to another funeral because someone overdosed from illegal drugs," he said. "If you are worried about your neighbor, you need to call. Not everyone goes to prison. Some go to recovery.

"We must have your help

to tackle this problem."

Tom Johnson of the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group is responsible for coordinating all the drug enforcement efforts of law enforcement personnel throughout the Western Wisconsin region. The two illegal drugs he sees the most often in Jackson County is methamphetamines and heroin.

Many of the meth operations involves making the substance from common items found in local stores. including a cold medicine known as Sudafed. The sales of Sudafed has become so controlled that meth cookers will pay people to buy the medicine for them, now labeled as "smurfing."

"A common way of making meth is known as a 'shake 'n bake operation. It involves using a container such as a two-liter pop bottle and mixing the chemicals inside. Then they will just throw the bottle away, Johnson said. "Kids will pick up one of these in the ditch, such as during a roadside cleanup, and become seriously burned."

The other illegal drug, heroin, usually is imported from Mexico or Columbia and Latin America. A large problem with heroin users Continued on Page 9



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## **Ethics Review Board Article**

Submitted by The Ethics Review Board

The Journal Star of Nebraska reported on May 15th 2015 the following:

Winnebago Council expels four members:

After Ethic hearings for the four members regarding corruption the Tribe expels four of its members.

Tulsa World.com reported on May 5th 2015 that The Muskogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma, regarding their second chief plead guilty to federal embezzlement charges. He was sentenced to 33 months in jail and ordered to pay 211,880.76 in restitution.

These are just a few examples of unethical behavior amongst federally recognized tribes and its members in the United States. We,as Ho-Chunks have also made the headlines.

The Ho-Chunk Nation enacted a Code of Ethics Act on October 16, 2001. It is an Act which is required by the Constitution of the Great Ho-Chunk Nation. This act provides ethical rules related to the conduct of Public Officials. Per the Code of Ethics under definitions this is what Public Official means:

"Public Official" means, but is not limited to, any person who holds elective office or who is a candidate for elective office such as President, Vice-President, Legislator, Justice; appointed professionals such as Judges, Departmental Executive Directors, Executive Board members and alternates, Gaming Commissioners, Election Board members and alternates; various Board members and alternates; persons selected, nominated and/ or confirmed by their respective District and/or the Nation, persons employed in a position for which a license is required for employment, i.e. attorneys, doctors and nurses; and other positions in the Nation as determined by the Ethics Review Board.

The Code of Ethics is in place to achieve the following:

To promote and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation in their Government.

Serve as a useful reference for guidance to avoid conflicts and to improve the level of performance of public service.

In 2009 to 2010 a new Ethics Review Board was established.

The Board consists of 14 members, and reviews, receives and hears complaints of Ethical violations reported.

The Board has worked with great effort on some of the following in order to set

standards for ourselves to follow. Update the Code of Ethics. Established Bylaws and hearing procedures, Created a flowchart and a brochure for easier understanding and explanation of how the ERB procedure works. The ERB has also created a Gift form required by Public Officials to fill out when they receive gifts of \$50.00. Please visit us on the Ho-Chunk Nation website for further details.

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# Chicago Foundation for Women selects Wendy WhiteEagle as board chairperson

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature-PR

The Chicago Foundation for Women selected Wendy WhiteEagle as the newest Chairperson for the Board of Directors in July of this year. WhiteEagle has been involved with the organization since 2009. The Chicago Foundation of Women is a granting organization that works for advocacy (policy changes and legislation) and pooling capital to grant funds to various organizations.

Wendy first attended a luncheon for the organization in 2008 when she realized that she wanted to be involved with the group. She recognized that there was a need for outreach to the Native American community in Chicago. When asked what message that she would like to send to

women who are considering joining an organization such she responded with, "To think globally and act locally. You are never too old or too young to make change happen and to take these steps. The older we get the better we get. All organizations can use help and your best set of skills can impact an organization. Get involved in something that is larger than yourself. It will help you grow."

The Ho-Chunk Nation will be sponsoring this year's Chicago Foundation for Women Luncheon on September 29, 2015. The keynote speaker will be Ashley Judd. Great Job Ms. WhiteEagle!!! Congratulations on the new position with the board!!!



Wendy WhiteEagle

### **Ho-Chunk Nation Election Results**

TRUST AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION AUGUST 28, 2015

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS



TRUST AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	MACHINE COUNTED BALLOTS	HAND TALLIED BALLOTS	TOTALS	%
BECKY MANUELL ALBERT	233	50	283	44.57%
FORREST FUNMAKER	301	51	352	55.43%
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### **Ho-Chunk Nation Election Results**

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# Native American Truancy Task Force addresses truancy and absenteeism for Native American Students

Submitted by Mallory Knipe, School Social Worker, School District of Black River Falls

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the School District of Black River Falls, a Truancy Task Force has been created with regular meetings scheduled throughout the year to create collaborative processes and strategies to minimize, if not eliminate, truancy and absenteeism for Native American students within the district schools. The parties have agreed to work toward genuine positive change in order to overcome the negative impact of truancy

and absenteeism. The joint task force was formed in the 2010-2011 school year, and has continued to build momentum since that time. The task force has accomplished several things since its initial creation, including increased communication and collaboration between the two entities, and the creation of a "special leave form" to be used in the schools. This leave form was crafted as a religious leave document, to be used only for students who have accrued excessive absences during the school year, including absences related to religious ceremonies. This form requires a signature from a religious

ceremony leader; it is not exclusive to Native American students, but does include many Native American ceremonies.

In a recent meeting, the Task Force collaborated on different approaches to ensure that both parents and students have a solid understanding of the attendance policies for each school in the district. Attendance policies are delineated in each school's handbook, which can be found online at www.brf.org. Per school policy, students are allowed to miss up to 10 days per school year for personal reasons or illness. Doctor and professional appointments do not

count towards the 10 days, so long as the student submits a note from the provider. A student is considered unexcused if he/she is absent without an acceptable excuse for all or part of any day during which school is held. A student is deemed habitually truant when he/she is unexcused all or part of 5 or more days in a school semester. Regarding the issue of tardiness, a student shall be considered tardy if he/she is not inside the classroom before the beginning of class. Teachers have the authority to set an internal classroom policy of the student being in his or her desk with the teacher's own set of

consequences. If a student arrives later than 10 minutes to class without a valid pass, that student will be marked "unexcused" for that class period.

The Task Force is very pleased overall with the increased level of communication between entities, and the positive work that has resulted. The creation of the Task Force has allowed for a culturally sensitive approach to the issues of truancy and absenteeism, which falls in line with the District's overall goal of being a culturally competent educational entity.

## Ho-Chunk DNR adds a community forester to the staff

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Greg Blick wants to make sure the trees on Ho-Chunk land are healthy and pose no potential danger to the public.

Blick began working for the Ho-Chunk Nation on Monday, August 26, as a community forester.

More commonly referred to as an "urban forestry," he serves as an interface between people and trees.

"I do risk assessments," he said. "I mitigate the risk before someone gets hurt."

He performs pruning or removal of trees so that it lessens the danger to human, house or other property. He's a certified arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture.

Another one of his projects is to conduct a full inventory of all trees in the vicinity of human occupation on Ho-Chunk Nation property.

"I'll go to every tree in the Nation – that is, the ones around human occupation – and log them in," he said. "I'm looking for bad trees and will be able to prune or remove them."

Also, another concern is invasive species, such as the emerald ash borer.

"We are developing a plan to protect the black ash from the Emerald Ash Borer," he said. "We're not looking to remove all of them, but protect then by infusion. The black ash trees are an important part of the culture, especially for the Ho-Chunk basket weavers. We might even consider making a plantation of black ash, like the Mohicans are doing."

Blick said a trunk injection of a certain chemical in ash trees would spread throughout the trees circulatory system and prevent any infection of the emerald ash borer, similar to an intravenous infusion in humans.

Also, one of his duties will be to apply for grants to plant trees near residences.

"The trees provide shade, therefore reducing energy use and serving as a windbreak," he said

When pruning young trees, he will either be doing it himself or teaching staff how to

Blick was born in Hawaii, the son of a father in the U.S. Navy. They moved to the Milwaukee area when he was still very young, where he lived the majority of his life. Blick earned a teaching degree and was teaching history for 10 years in the Milwaukee Public Schools and then one year in Chicago.

After deciding a career change was in order, Blick attended school at University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and earned degrees in urban forestry and forest management.

His first employment in forestry after graduation was with Davey Resource Group, based in Ohio.

"I lived on the road. Cities would contract with the business and I would take tree inventories for the cities and develop plans." The biggest job we had was for the city of Pittsburg.

Also, he plans to be involved in youth outreach to get the children interested in the outdoors and natural resources. He also wants to help educate them on how to take care of the trees and what jobs are available in the natural resources field.

In addition to urban forestry, Blick believes he will be helping Ho-Chunk Nation



Greg Blick plans to inventory all the trees with in the Ho-Chunk residential areas.

Forester Mark Gawron with rural forestry.

His parents now live in Wausau and he has a brother in Chicago and another in Oregon.

Blick's hobbies include hiking, camping, playing softball, and reading about history.

### **Youth at Labor Day Powwow**



Youth provide their best steps at the annual Labor Day Powwow.

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## The Ho-Chunk Nation sponsors Indian Summer Festival

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative-PR

The Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the Indian Summer Festival which took place on September 11-13, 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin made a check presentation to the Indian Summer Festival Board of Directors on September 10, 2015. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature sponsored \$7,500, the Office

of the President/CRC contributed \$2,500 and the Business Department donated \$5,590 from the Pepsi Fund for a grand total of \$15,590.00. The Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the Veteran's Honor Tent which included a wall of honor, support groups and services. The Ho-Chunk Nation also participated in the Living Cultures of the Great Lakes Exhibit. The theme of this year's festival was Gathering of the Clans.

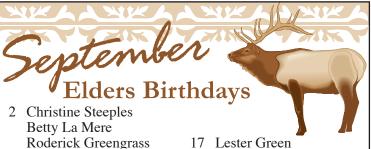


The Dance Academy of Mexico performs for the crowd at the Native Heart stage.



Left Photo: Living Cultures of the Great Lakes exhibit.

Right Photo: Wall of honor at the Veterans Honor Tent.



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Ho-Chunk Nation District 4 Representative Shelby Visintin (center) presents a check to Indian Summer Board of Directors.





## Blue Wing invites you all to the

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## Carriaga and Kimball impress at St. Croix casino

Marlon WhiteEagle Editor

Marcus Carriaga and Leif Kimball both earned knockout victories at St. Croix Casino in Danbury, Wisconsin on August 29, 2015. This was Carriaga's MMA debut, while it was Kimball's second fight.

Marcus Carriaga entered his fight with kickboxing, jiu jitsu, and Marine Corps martial arts training.

"We trained solidly for 2 months; concentrating on jiu jitsu, boxing, and judo," said Carriaga.

Carriaga did his homework on his opponent. He said, "He has one win by rear naked choke."

"We want to keep the fighting standing."

Cariaga said he felt relaxed pre-fight, with a little bit of

"I just had a son. We named him Spencer. Last night, I watched Rocky III," said Car-

Carriaga isn't new to the fight game. He has been boxing since age 14. He served in the Marine Corps where he saw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I'd hear about my friends fighting for big time titles while I was on my Marine Corps tour. I remember thinking I want to get back to fighting when I get back home," said Carriaga.

"Karl Bearbow is a big inspiration to me. He was my coach at Riverside Indian School. In my training to this point, it was just us. And that was all I needed."

After the Marines, Carriage attended Oklahoma State University for 2 years.

"I dropped out to start fighting. I'm home now. I have the chance. I better do it before I'm too old," said Carriaga.

"We got Bobby Bird to help with jiu jitsu. We got Harry "the Hammer" Funmaker to help us with boxing. We got Winter Smith to help us with wrestling. And Dan Libke also helped us with some boxing training," said Carriaga.

"We couldn't have prepared any better. We were also doing 20 miles of roadwork per week leading up to the fight."

Carriaga said the words he heard from JoAnne Jones resonated through his training. She told him, "If that's your dream, nothing else matters. And go for it."

For Leif Kimball, it had been 2 years since he entered a MMA match. He remembers the his first fight well.

"I lossed in round 3. We fought 3 rounds, each round



D1CC Freestyle team poses with their banner post fight: Bobby Bird, Marcus Carriaga, Harry Funmaker, Leif Kimball, Victor Bird, and Frankie St. Germaine.

was 3 minutes. It was a non-verbal submission," said Kimball.

Kimball's fight experience includes boxing and jiu jitsu. Pre-fight, Leif said he feels a little nervous and a little anxious.

"It's the calm before the storm. I've done so much work, and it's finally here," said Kimball.

Kimball began his MMA career by happenstance. He was walking into the District 1 Community Center when MMA fighter Eddie Larrea was preparing for a fight.

"He asked me if I wanted to take on a fight," said Kimball.

"I also took a boxing class with John Hizer at District 1 Community Center. A couple of fighters fighting tonight also participated in John's boxing class. Blake Butler and Alexis Ryan previously trained at D1CC. But the confidence and tutelage of Larrea and Hizer got me this far."

Kimball and Carriaga's MMA journey was one in the same leading up to the St. Croix fight night.



Carriaga victorious with a KO in the second round.

"Marcus and I joined the Shapeshifter program to help prepare for his June kickboxing match in Rockford, Illinois where he fought at 227 lbs. I was his corner and cut man. Tonight, Marcus is fighting at 180 lbs.," said Kimball.

Minutes before the two fighters are off into the hands of their trainers to warm up for their respective fights, Kimball tells me. "Some fighters are made and some fighters are born. That's what's in me," said Kimball.

The results from the St. Croix MMA event were favorable for both Carriaga and Kimball.

Marcus Carriaga won by KO in Round 2, and now has a record of 1-0.

Leif Kimball won by TKO in Round 2, and has a record of 1-1.

Both fighters will return to the ring in November in Racine, Wisconsin.



Leif Kimball also wins by knockout in the second round.

## Ho-Chunk fighter mixes MMA with his education

Submitted by Sherman Funmaker, HC Elder Work Program

Zach Wolf, the son of Donn and Rita (Funmaker) Wolf and grandson of the late Adam and Doris Funmaker, took up MMA fighting this year after finishing his wrestling career at Athens Christian High School in Athens, Georgia.

His senior year was capped off with a 2nd place finish in his weight class in the Georgia State High School Wrestling Tournaments, 2014.

After delving into Martial Arts and wrestling at the age of 14, Zach has lately found his passion in the form of the MMA after graduating high school.

He is now a member of the National Fighting Championship, the organization that regulates fights in the State of Georgia. The 19 year-old fighter lost his first bout on a close decision last April but came back with an impressive win against Sean Gallagher in an early August fight in Atlanta.

"I still train, lifting weights and staying in shape for whatever comes next" Wolf said

His future fights are on a bit of a hold while he takes business classes at the University of North Georgia, also in Athens, but may have a match as soon as this October. The sophomore athlete is working on a business degree and has nothing but support to other native youth who are seeking a future in sports.

"We are Natives, we are fighters and warriors and I want all the youth out there to find out what you are passionate about and embrace it with your all."

Zach has plans on going pro with this fighting and his younger brother Zane is following his brother's footsteps wrestling and staying in training while he finishes his last year of high school.

The brothers are very proud of their Ho-Chunk heritage and are very thankful for the support of their Native fans.



Zach Wolf MMA Fighter

# Baskets stands along Highway 12 provided a living for many

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Decades ago, when times were tough, people made a living any way they could, often looking for niches to fulfill a need.

During those times, many Ho-Chunk people used their craft-making abilities to make black ash baskets and sell them at roadside stands. And since the Interstate highway system didn't exist back then, they set up stands along the busiest highways, one of which was Highway 12, which stretches from across the state from Hudson at the Minnesota border to Genoa City in the south at the Illinois border.

For Sandy Martin, she remembers when she was 8 to 10 years old and she spent her summers with her grandparents, Ed and Mamie Funmaker, in their wigwam.

Part of the experience of staying with them was helping to sell baskets at their stand along Highway 12 south of Merrillan. Her grandmother made many of the baskets.

"We had a basket stand with a roof built out of poles and twoby-fours and odds and ends," she said.

Besides selling baskets, they would sell toy drums, miniature birch bark canoes, and beadwork, all made by their family and people they knew.

The site was a little different than most roadside stands because it had a circular driveway with a small bridge for the customers, Martin said

One of their jobs was to get up in the morning and take the baskets from inside place them in the stand to be on display for the day and to be sold. The baskets would be stacked one inside the other. Rocks would be placed inside the baskets so that wind would not blow them away and they used a cigar box as a till to hold the money.

And while waiting for customers, often her grandmother would be cooking.

Along with Sandy would be her sister Emma and brother Sam, and they would spend

almost all of their time outside.
"Pretty much all summer

"Pretty much all summer long," Sandy said.

They would dress in the native regalia and take some of the small drums and beat and dance and the customers would give them a nickel for their performances.

Their grandfather would often go to powwows and sell the merchandise as well, she said.

Although Sandy's mother made many of the baskets for the stand, some would come from many other basket weavers from the area. Her mother also made beadwork.

"I had fun doing it," Sandy

She noticed that some of their customers were people who were transporting goods, such as truck drivers, etc. Sometimes they would stop

often on their trips back and forth and give them something from their cargo, such as bags of potato chips.

"A couple of times they would stop and eat with us," Sandy said.

Gordon Thunder remembers selling baskets as a child, when he was 7 and 8 years old, right after World War II. His family operated a stand on Highway 12 at Fairchild during the summer and lived in a tent, while their permanent resi-



In this photograph from historical archives, a woman weaves a basket from black ash strips of wood while waiting for customers to arrive.



Basket stands took many sizes and shapes and were often situated along well-traveled highways for the best exposure to tourists.

dence was in Galesville.

He spent the time selling the items with his mother, father, two brothers and five sisters.

"It was just a matter of making a living," Thunder said. "After all the war effort, all the defense plants were shut down. People had to have a source of income."

People had to learn to support themselves because there were no government relief programs at the time, he said.

Ho-Chunk people who had craft stands often passed along information about what is popular and is selling well.

"There was no sense of competition. We all tried to help each other," Thunder

Baskets came in all shapes, sizes and colors. There were sewing baskets, food baskets, picnic baskets and shopping baskets, for example. Baskets were made plain for tasks like gathering eggs or for holding food, while others were made flashy as decorations.

At the time, no Interstate system existed and Highway 12 was a main artery with many tourists making it their pathways.

"We made enough money from summer sales so that we could make it through the winter," he said.

The cost of making a basket wasn't much, Thunder said. It just took a lot of work, such as cutting down a tree from the swamp and dragging it back to where they could pound on the fibers and strip wood from it. And then the

labor of weaving the strips.

The materials would be gathered in summer months, but often times many of the baskets were produced during the winter months when little activity was going on.

"They had to be sitting in the swamp to be any good. Otherwise they would be too brittle," he said.

His father, Frank B., would take the lead on teaching the children on how to do all the work and to make it fun.

"Dad had a way of making the work enjoyable and to take away all the drudgery," he said.

As a reward, sometimes they were allowed to have a treat, such as a bottle of pop.

When selling at the stand, it would be considered a good day when sales were over \$100 a day, which was a lot back in the 1940s.

Sometimes the stand would get busy, with five or six cars parked at the stand, and some days there would be very few customers, just like any busi-

All the while they were selling baskets, his mother would be cooking.

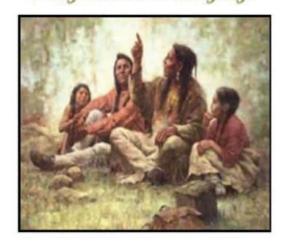
"After the war, the economy started to grow and people had money to travel," he said. "Tourists would want to buy something along the way."

"We were resourceful in those days," Thunder said.

At the end of summer, they would pick up all the items from their stand and head back to their home near Galesville.



An Event To Bridge The Gap Between Elder & Youth Using Culture & Language



September 22, 2015 • 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Nekoosa Community Center ~ Chah-Hah-Chee

September 21, 2015 • 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

La Crosse Three Rivers House

September 28, 2015 • 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Black River Falls – Tribal Office Building

Activities Include:

- · Meal
- · Generational Discussion
- · Traditional Games-Moccasin Game & Kaasu
- · Door Prizes

#### ELDERS AND YOUTH-

Please sign up at TAU or Youth Center by September 17th 4:30 pm To Sign Up or for more information please call:

Family Service Program-715-284-2622 ext. 5114 Tena Quackenbush ext. 5121 Curtis Redbird

Nekoosa employees receive GAP awards for excellence

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Employees of Ho-Chunk Gaming – Nekoosa were honored with awards for their excellent performance at an awards banquet on Tuesday, September 15. The top hardworkers were honored for their work both by the quarter and for their excellence for an entire year.

The intention of GAP (Guest Appreciation Program) is to promote a positive guest-first environment. When all team members work together and are held accountable for

shall be met. Every 3 months, or quarter, the GAP committee goes thru a process to ultimately select winners for that quarter. Nominations are received not only from peers, but also from the customers themselves. For Ambassador of the year awards, the GAP committee goes back through all the nominations to find the individuals that were recognized more than a few times through the course of the year by the guests, by peers and by exceeding the expectations of their departments.



First Quarter Winners are (from left)Winona Kelty, Jason Paasch, Susan Follett, (Fitzpatrick), Karen Kreeger, Lambert Cleveland Jr., Karen Edens, Bob Rahier, Sue Hutchinson and Chris Underwood.



Casey Fitzpatrick gave awards to the Fourth Quarter Winners. Pictured are Fitzpatrick, Lambert Cleveland Jr., Kelley Darr, Felecia Darr, Ramona Kelty and Fenton Chasenah.



Third Quarter Winners are (after Fitzpatrick, from left) Lance Meronek, Amy Marcoux, Kayla Richardson, Duane Shoemaker, Amy Petersen, Tom Weidner, Sally Weinfurter, Sandra Coon and Chris Rivera.



Second Quarter Winners are (after Fitzpatrick, from left) Lance Meronek, April Wymer, Sally Graham, Duane Shoemaker and Chris Underwood.



Annual winners were given the awards by Executive Manager Casey Fitzpatrick (left). The annual winners are (from left) Marge Jadack, Lambert Cleveland Jr., Jason Paasch, Scott Labucki, Jason Frost, Ahmed Khairy and Donna Pabst.

## Vivian takes the field as Dallas Cowboys cheerleader

Ken Luchterhand Staff Writer

Although Vivian Libke is only 6, it looks like she has a bright future ahead of her as a professional cheerleader.

She proved that point when she took the field at AT&T Stadium, formerly known as Cowboys Stadium, in Dallas on Saturday, Sept. 3, dressed in her uniform and performed cheers for the entire audience of up to 85,000 spectators.

"We do cheers. We do dances," Vivian said.

It was a proud and shining moment for her father, Dan Libke, who was in attendance for the special event.

The big event was made possible through Dan, who is an avid Cowboys fan. He saw an advertisement in his weekly Cowboys Report, which he receives through the mail. The notice said that girls up to age 6 could attend a cheerleader camp with the real Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

It was a natural fit for Vivian. She's been involved with the dance studio in Tomah since she was 3, having been involved in ballet and recently started tap-dancing this year.

"We practice a lot before going on stage," Vivian said. Dan regularly watches the

Dan regularly watches the Dallas Cowboys football team, having been a fan since he was young. He remembers when Roger Staubach was quarterback and they were considered "America's Team."

But Vivian doesn't care about the game – she only watches the cheerleaders.

watches the cheerleaders.
Vivian attended the cheer-

leader camp for three days in June and was invited back to perform at halftime at the September 3 game. She and her father flew down for the big event the day before the game.

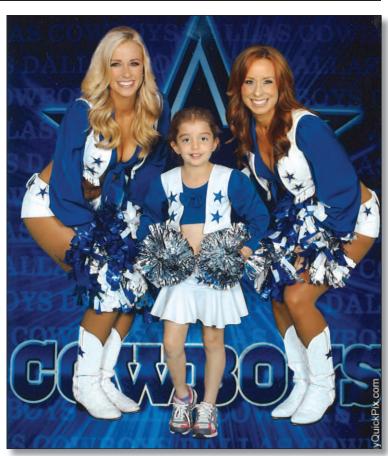
"We had to go to dress rehearsals the night before and then perform at the game the next day," she said.

She said she was pretty excited about being able to perform the cheers they learned in camp.

"Blue and white. Cowboys – let's fight!" Vivian shouted and jumped as a demonstration

As for her plans of making her passion a career – it's a little early.

"I think maybe I'll do it later," she said.



Vivian Libke is ready to shake her pompoms with the help of her two favorite Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders: Rachel (left) and Holly.

#### ENROLLMENT / LEGALS

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 - TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership. EOPUB09252015

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APPLICANT NAME BISH, Sophia Blackdeer	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> 02/19/2014	BLOOD QUANTUM 1/4	ANCESTOR Cha Sep Kah Plack Door, 1881,00174	FATHER Non-Native	MOTHER Fawnah Waukon Bish
BREEDEN, Austin Henry	04/17/2014	1/4	Black Deer 1881-00174 Wa Qua Ho Pin Kah Henry Thunder 1881-00129	Non-Native	Arlene Faye Thunder
CARRIAGA, Eden May	01/30/2015	7/16	Wojh Tchaw he Ray Kah George Funmaker 1881-00328	Mathew Stuart Carriaga	Trisha May Carriaga
CLEVELAND, Everleigh Alane	07/07/2012	39/128	Cha Wak Ja Xi Gah Will Greendeer 1901-00080	Wallace Mitchell Cleveland, Sr.	Non-Native
CLOUD, Savannah Ruth	04/19/2014	23/32	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 1901-00149	John Sherman Cloud, III	Lavina May Pammaskah
CROWDER, Tesla Leigh	06/10/2014	1/4	Wau Kon Chaw Jho Noo Kah Frank Winneshiek 1881-00395	Willis Nolan Crowder	Non-Native
DARGE, Mya Rose	09/04/2008	1/4	Wa Qua Ho Pin Kah Henry Thunder 1881-00129	Non-Native	Arlene Faye Thunder
DE CORA, Jadin Maurice	12/13/2001	1/4	Ho Cin Cin Ska Henry Thomas Decorah 1901-00927	Orville Eugene Decora	Non-Member
DE CORA, Jaela Cree	10/23/2011	1/4	Wo Ship Kah Harold Fred Blackdeer 1901-00969	Non-Member	Neva Jean Littlegeorge
DE CORA, Jalen Curtis	10/31/2010	1/4	Wo Ship Kah Harold Fred Blackdeer 1901-00969	Non-Member	Neva Jean Littlegeorge
DE CORA, Jarell James	10/14/2008	1/4	Wo Ship Kah Harold Fred Blackdeer 1901-00969	Non-Member	Neva Jean Littlegeorge
DE CORA, TeAnn Marie	12/21/2004	1/4	Ho Cin Cin Ska Henry Thomas Decorah 1901-00927	Orville Eugene Decora	Non-Member
DECORAH, Blessing Destiny	03/08/2013	3/4	Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie 1881-00486	Noah James Decorah	Toni Renee Stewart
DECORAH, Heaven-Lee Angel	11/09/2015	3/4	Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie 1881-00486	Noah James Decorah	Toni Renee Stewart
DECORAH, Katelyn Brea	10/05/2014	75/128	Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie 1881-00486	Marcus Kyle Decorah	Rikki Lee Blair
DECORAH, Rayden James	06/18/2014	1/2	Wa Con Cha Cho Nee Kah William Decorie 1881-00486	Fredrick Decorah, III	Non-Native
FUNMAKER, Olivia Snow	11/09/2014	15/32	Mon Naw Pa She Shiek Kaw Henry Badsholdier Walker Stacy 1881-00	Christian James Funmaker	Non-Member
GREYHAIR, Lynissa Melinda	06/25/2014	125/256	Black Thunder Issac Greyhair N-1910-00601	CJ Alan Greyhair	Kennesha Ruby Funmaker
HINDSLEY, Cecile Cassmel	05/15/2014	1/2	Coo Noo Cho Nee Nik Kah William Hindlsey 1881-00213	Corey Michael Hindsley	Rosalene Rita Goodbear
INGLETT, Emmitt Jonathan	06/07/2013	1/4	Son Nik O He Way Kah George Cloud 0901-00149	Non-NATIVE	Beth Ann Bridges
JOHNSON, Noelle Rene	08/04/2014	1/4	Hay Cha Kah John Pigeon	Terrence Wayne Johnson	Non-Native
LINCOLN, Nolan James	07/26/2013	1/4	Wa Ne Ha Kah Mark Green 1881-00066	James Randall Lincoln, Jr.	Non-Native
MASON, Ricky LaDarian Martinez	11/14/2010	1/4	Mau Shoo Cho Kah Edward Smith 1901-01137	Non-Native	Lori Jean Smith
MAULICK, Peyton Aerin	01/22/2014	1/4	Hoonch Skah Kah Jim Whitebear 1881-00552	Non-Native	Michelle Loreesa Andrews
MORRIS, III, John Gilbert	03/05/2011	1/4	Shunk Chunk Nik kah Edward John Littlewolf 1901-01093	Non-Member	Larissa Kay Morris
MORRIS, Zoey Elise	04/09/2009	1/4	Shunk Chunk Nik kah Edward John Littlewolf 1901-01093	Non-Member	Larissa Kay Morris
Muntinga, Liam Thomas	09/06/2014	1/4	Chep A Hip Kah George Deer 1881-00300	Non-Native	Sonja Sue Rusch
PETTIBONE,III, RogerKim	01/03/2014	3/8	Monk Shootch Kah	Roger Kim Pettibone, Jr.	Andrea Marie Nicholas
PETTIBONE, Lillian Rose	03/12/2012	1/4	Peter Pettibone, Sr. 1881-0582 Monk Shootch Kah	Jason Derek Pettibone	Non-Member
STUMBLINGBEAR, Shania Alice	02/13/2014	1/4	Peter Pettibone, Sr. 1881-0582 Wojh Tchaw he Ray Kah	Non-Member	Brook Aspen Funmaker
THUNDERCLOUD, BaileyLee	07/02/2011	29/64	George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328 Wa Con Cha Cho Kah	Non-Native	April Sarah Thundercloud
THUROW, Ayla Odelia Siga	02/14/2014	1/2	George Green Thundercloud 1901-00459 Wojh Tchaw he Ray Kah	Non-Native	Katie Alice Funmaker
WARD, Jr., Gunnar Thor-Benjamin	n 04/18/2013	5/16	George Funmaker, Sr. 1881-00328 Cha Schunk Kaw	Gunnar Thor-Benjamin Ward, Jr.	Non-Native
WAUQUA, Joe'neighaMae	03/20/2011	1/4	James Joseph De Cora N-1910-01036 Nee Zhu Maw Nee Win Kah	Colin Joseph Wauqua	Non-Native
WHITTAKER, VaShon DeVonte	12/17/2012	1/4	Agnes Mike 1881-00116 Coo Noo Kah Pussius Reverty Decorra, 1901-00322	Non-Native	Lisa Renee Whittaker
WINNESHIEK, Jaxon James	06/29/2012	39/128	Russius Beverly Decorra 1901-00322 Wau Kon Chaw Jho Noo Kah	Elias James Winneshiek	Non-Native
			Frank Winneshiek 1881-00395		

#### **SUMMONS**

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, Petitioner, v. Frances A. Sanchez, Respondent.

Case: CS 15-72

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Frances A. Sanchez

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the aboveentitled child support matter. This legal notice of the Petition for Child Support is now served upon you by publication. A hearing shall be held no less than twenty-five (25) days after service of this Summons is completed. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28a. You are hereby notified that the Court may proceed in your absence and enter a default judgement without your participation if you do not appear at the hearing or respond to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of publication. Id., § 7.28d(i). To properly submit a response, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. The response must include a completed financial disclosure, which shall be confidential and available only to the parties and the Court, as well as an authorization for the release of financial records. Id., § 7.28e, 9.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

#### SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Neva Littlegeorge, Petitioner, v. Justin C. Decora, Respondent.

Case: CS 15-41

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Justin C. De Cora

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this Summons. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.,

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#### SUMMONS

(Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT Stacev Schreiber, Petitioner, v. Brian K. Decorah, Respondent.

Case : CS 15-37

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

Brian K. Decorah

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the Petition must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this Summons. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id., § 2.6c.

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Back Row: (Left to Right) Amanda Glasspool, Ritchie Brown, Amy Kirby, Joe Buse, Sheridan Cloud, Calvin WhiteEagle, Ashley Allen Blackcoon Sr., Tom Maier, Ralph Babcock, Royce Babcock

Front Row: (Left to Right) Associate Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter, Tabitha Ostrem, Fremina Funmaker, Libby Fairchild, Candace Conant, Shelley Wilkinson, Paula Mike, Molli Pauliot, Joseph Young, Terry Reynolds, Associate Judge JoAnn Jones, Chief Judge Jo Deen B. Lowe Not Pictured: Jennifer Orozco

## Lay Advocate Training

The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court held its Lay Advocate Training from August 28 – September 2, 2015. A lay advocate serves a role similar to an attorney. Those individuals who completed the training are eligible to apply

for the Ho-Chunk Nation Bar Association. Once accepted to the Bar, a lay advocate may represent individuals in any matter before the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial or Supreme Court including, but not limited to, divorces, juvenile matters, employment disputes, and election appeals. For the first 3 days of training, the participants were given presentations by the Trial Court Judges, Trial Court Staff Attorneys, and guest presenters from Wisconsin Judicare,

Hogen Adams, the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, and the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice. They learned all about filing a complaint or petition, writing motions, oral advocacy, and much more. On the last day

of training, everything the participants learned was put to the test and they appeared before the Judge in a Mock Trial. This year's training was a great success!

## Taking Back

is that they will "nod off" when using the substance, Johnson said. When they do, the user's head will descend to the chest and cut off all air through the throat.

"They will, essentially, stop breathing and die," Johnson said.

Black River Falls Police Chief Scot Eisenhauer told the audience that he welcomes any tips about drug abuse and the informant can remain anonymous

"I can't do my job without help from the community," Eisenhauer

He said he has been involved with a program based in fifth grade named "Protecting You, Protecting Me," that he would like to see in the Black River Falls School District. He said it is alcohol based, but would have many implications of drug use.

Bernie Stevens, program director and social worker with Lincoln Hills School near Irma, Wisconsin, says a big problem is that the youth have no identity.

"Kids have no idea who they are," he said. "They can tell you all the negative things, but they don't even know what clans they belong to."

Stevens, a member of the Oneida Nation, also is an official with the Great Lakes Intertribal Council. He has been working with the youth at the Lincoln Hills facility for 30 years and knows the mindset of the boys who have been sent to the detention center. Along with the male juvenile facility, a similar facility has opened for females, known as Copper Lake School, he said.

He knows about the struggles of children because he was locked up in a juvenile care facility when he was 10 years old.

"When left alone, you're raised in fear," he said.

"Sometimes life gets a little hard," he said, "then we can thank the Cre-

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ator, as human beings, that we have today. That's all we have."

Many of the problems with the youth stems from the fact that parents don't do what is necessary to stop bad behavior and instead make excuses for them and end up supporting the destructiveness.

"We need to quit enabling destructive behaviors," Stevens said. "It's not the easiest thing to do."

Stevens said that children will not remember the support they got from others, but they will remember advice to straighten them out.

"They won't say 'Bernie is a nice guy,' but instead they will say 'Bernie told me what I needed to hear," he said.

Children have learned to convince their parents that they mean well and often blame any wrong actions on their friends. Parents who support their children, along with their bad habits, will fall for it every time, he said.

"Parents will say, 'I love my baby boy. He's a good person - just that he hangs out with the wrong people" Stevens said. "They always refer to him as their 'baby boy.' Let the boy grow up a bit.

"We think we're protecting him, but ask yourselves, 'are we?'"

He thinks it is ironic that youth in juvenile detention want to act tough but then want everyone to come and see them while incarcerated.

"They say, 'I want to go home.' I tell them, 'You were never home to begin with," he said.

Stevens said that he is hard on the boys and girls, but he doesn't want them to come back to the facility.

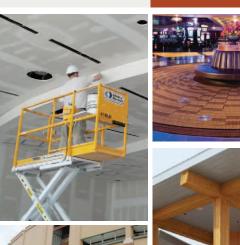
"They become stronger and have the courage to do what it takes to truly help them," he said. "But I need parents to participate. I am not going to work at this harder than you."

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#### **GREETINGS FROM HO-CHUNK FORWARD!**

Our staff is excited to share updates on the construction plans for four of our Ho-Chunk Gaming properties. The revitalization process is underway for our Wisconsin Dells, Black River Falls, Wittenberg, and Nekoosa properties.

Renovating and expanding our current properties is necessary for the future success of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Creating a responsible plan that protects the future of our Nation and its members is of utmost importance.

Phase 1 of construction has been approved to begin in Spring 2016. Three of our properties will undergo renovations in the first phase: Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Wittenberg. The first phase will include renovations to building exteriors, hotel and gaming floor expansions, new restaurants and retail spaces, and much more. Read more about the detailed property changes in this publication.

Phase 2 of our plan is currently pending approval. If approved,

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa will undergo extensive renovations to the interior and exterior. In addition, Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Wittenberg properties will receive further upgrades.

As I've discussed, growth in our Ho-Chunk Gaming operations will increase the Nation's overall economic standing and create more jobs for our tribal community. The potential reward of our expansion plan is worth the risk.

We have worked hard to provide a solution that will meet the lofty expectations of the Ho-Chunk Nation. As we move forward, we are confident that the construction plans will help us make our vision into a reality.

We will have more to share in the coming months. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

## **ROB REIDER**Senior Marketing Manager

Department of Business

Renovation plans have been approved for four Ho-Chunk Gaming properties: Black River Falls, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, and Wisconsin Dells. Plans have been divided into two phases and will include expansions and extensive renovations to the interior and exterior.

#### **WISCONSIN DELLS**

#### PHASE I

- OTB and Poker areas moving to second floor
- > New high stakes area
- > Existing bingo hall renovations
- > Grill and buffet relocating
- New hotel lobby connecting to 3000 wing of hotel
- New hotel overhead connector
- > New carport



#### WITTENBERG

#### PHASEI

- > Gaming floor expansion
- New back-of-house area
- Renovations to existing grill, with additional seating
- New 86-room hotel
- New entrance to casino and hotel
- > New restaurant and bar
- Additional parking space

## **Q&A WITH HNEDAK BOBO GROUP**

### Q: HOW WILL THE PROJECT AFFECT THE HO-CHUNK COMMUNITY?

A: We sat down with a group of Ho-Chunk leaders to better understand why you wanted to expand and re-position your facilities, not just what you wanted to build. We hope that these projects will provide an economic boom to the community.

## Q: WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO WITH THIS PROJECT?

A: A key goal is to create greater connection between the Ho-Chunk properties. Conveying Ho-Chunk Gaming's brand personality and the Ho-Chunk Nation's cultural identity is essential to our design process.

## Q: WHAT RELATED PROJECTS HAS YOUR COMPANY WORKED ON?

A: HBG worked on an expansion project across Northern Michigan at Four Winds Casinos, owned by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. HBG also recently completed a major project for the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma's WinStar World Casino and Resort.

## **C VISIT HO-CHUNKFORWARD.COM TO KEEP UP ON THE PROGRESS.**

Follow us at: twitter.com/hochunkforward and facebook.com/hochunkforward. Sign up for email alerts on our website for the latest updates.

We know Nation Members will have additional questions about the project, and we want to hear from you. Send an email to: questions@ho-chunkforward.com.



#### **BLACK RIVER FALLS**

#### PHASE I

- > Hotel expansion 120 rooms
- New casino entrance and lobby, including a coffee shop
- Gaming floor expansion 400 new machines, a new bar, and a new high stakes area
- > Existing buffet area renovations
- New back-of-house area and loading dock
- Additional parking

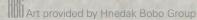


#### **NEKOOSA**

#### PHASE II

- Existing casino entrance renovations
- New 72-room hotel and lobby
- New non-smoking Class III gaming area
- New carport connecting with hotel lobby

Visit ho-chunkforward.com to view the full lists of phases I and II.



## **HCN** makes donation to **Bruce's Legacy**

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature-

Keith Cormican the Founder and Director of Bruce's Legacy met with staff from the Ho-Chunk Nation on Friday, August 28, 2015 to accept a donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature donated \$5,000 to the organization which will be used for equipment for their smaller

sonar unit for the mobile vehicle. It will enhance the ability to find people under water.

Bruce's Legacy is a volunteer organization that provides search and recovery operations for drowned victims. It provides closure for families. The group has been to British Columbia, Arkansas, North Dakota and New York to assist people with dive searches and recovering drowning victims. Since the popularity of

social media has grown over the years the organization has had many requests to assist in searching for drowning victims in many states.

Bruce's Legacy will be completing a water safety training to the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth. The organization will offer the youth tips to be safe in water.

L-R: Keith Cormican and Lynette LeGarde





## **HCN** donates to **Melrose Mindoro School District**

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature-PR
The Ho-Chunk Nation made a \$5000 donation to the Melrose Mindoro School District on Friday, August 28, 2015. The Melrose Mindoro Principal-Jeff Artz and Melrose Mindoro Athletic Director-Connie Craig came to the Executive Office in Black River Falls, Wisconsin for a check presentation. The funds will be used for the new press box at the Athletic Complex at the School.

Connie Craig, Melrose Mindoro Athletic Director, would like to say, "Thank you so much. We are so grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for their support."

Photo L-R: Melrose Mindoro Principal/Jeff Artz, Legislative PR/ Lynette LeGarde, Melrose Mindoro Athletic Director/Connie Craig.

## **HCN** supports **local Humane** Society

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature-

The Clark County Humane Society was the recipient of a \$1000 donation by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Rachel Roever, Clark County Humane Society Volunteer Coordinator, met with the Legislative Chief Communications Officer on Friday, August 28, 2015 to conduct a check presentation at the HCN Executive Office in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. The funds donated will be used for adding on to the

current building and creating a new kennel for dogs that come up from the southern states. The shelter get dogs from Tennessee, Mississippi and Missouri. The dogs come vaccinated but are usually in need of spaying and neuter-

The Clark County Humane Society is located 7 ½ miles from Neillsville, Wisconsin. They are located at W3926 State Hwy 73, Neillsville, Wisconsin. The Clark County Humane Society is a no kill animal shelter.



L-R: Rachel Roever, Lynette LeGarde and Eddie.



#### THE PINKS SHAWLS WILL BE HOLDING A CONVERSATION

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Friday Oct. 2,2015 Registration 11am – Refreshments **Dream the Cure Conversations** 12:30-4PM

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Learn more about the WI Pink Shawls and how we can participate **Ho-Chunk Nation Cancer Task** Force

For information: 715-284-9851 ext. 5329 Linda

#### DREAM<sup>THE</sup>CURE

The Wisconsin Pink Shawl Initiative is coming to the Ho-Chunk Nation in Bl. River Falls. We are calling on all grandmothers, mothers, aunties and sisters to raise their voices and take a stronger stand against breast cancer in our tribal communities..

Join us for our **Dream the Cure Conversation program** at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office in Bl. River Falls. By participating in the program you will qualify for a Walmart Gift card once you receive your age

appropriate breast screening. What's easier than that? You can talk about awareness until you're pink in the face, now it's time to talk about action. If you know of a woman in your life who hasn't had a breast exam this

vear, or doesn't believe they need one, start the conversation. Don't ask them to schedule a screening tell them, over and over again. Silence is not an option when it comes to breast cancer. Our women are worth it., so .... Help us fight breast cancer in our Native



communities!

## **Labor Day Powwow**































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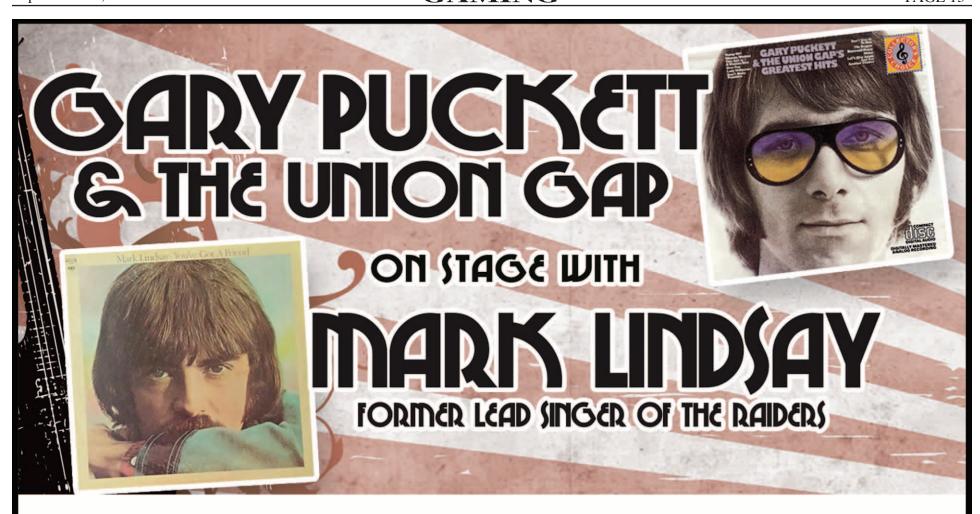
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An open house will be held for parents that have Ho-Chunk Enrolled children that are interested in learning more about the Child Care Assistance Program.

\*Registration, Snacks Available\*
\*Update on New Plan Changes for Program in 2016\*
\*Questions - Share Your Ideas\*
\*What Works? What Doesn't Work? Suggestions?\*
\*Meet Child Care Assistance Staff\*

Date: September 21, 2015
Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Place: Black River Falls
Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Bldg.
Conference Room A

Date: September 30, 2015 Time: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Place: House of Wellness - Baraboo, WI Alberta Day Room



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## Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders: Our Most Precious Resource

The Wisconsin Inter Tribal Child Care Association will be featuring William Kellibrew IV, Activist & Expert of Violence, at the Lac Courte Oreilles Convention Center, 13767 W County Road B in Hayward, WI on October 9, 2015 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The cost of the conference is \$25.

William Kellibrew IV, from Washington, D.C., is an international advocate for civil, human, women, children, and victims' rights. He is a sought-after speaker on violence, trauma, trauma-informed care, and children exposed to violence. At age six, he was sexually abused by his mom's neighbor and at age ten, he watched helplessly as his mother and twelve-year-old brother were shot in their living room by his mother's estranged boyfriend. Mr. Kellibrew has appeared on Oprah, MSNBC, BBC, and many others. He was also recognized by The White House as a Champion of Change.

As a child, William's passion was to be a performer. After witnessing the murders of his mother and 12-year-old-brother at age 10, William continued to learn his craft, but with immense challenges and barriers from violence, sexual abuse and trauma. Spiraling into a world of truancy, violence, trauma, depression, substance use, gangs, guns and suicidal ideation, he nearly gave up on life. Today, William believes that his challenges were disguised as opportunities. In this presentation, William engages the audience on the importance of core values and how they play a role in preventing the barriers and challenges from claiming out youth and their potential. William also focuses on building on our youth's strengths versus their deficits.

"If we see children as our most precious resource," William says, "we value them and the role that they play for our furture."

To register or for more information please call Northwest Connection Family Resources at (800) 733-KIDS or (715) 634-2299.

## **Home Ownership Program**



#### 27374 St Hwy 21 E Office Building 5 Tomah, WI 54660

THE FOLLOWING HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS NEED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS-HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM
BY OCTOBER 2, 2015

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# Office of Veterans Affairs to distribute Survey at General Council

The Office of Veterans Affairs will be distributing a survey to veterans at their booth at General Council on September 19, 2015 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin. The survey will be collecting data on the topic of Separating Veterans Affairs from the HCN Administration Department. If you are a veteran, please stop by the Veterans Affairs booth at General Council and fill out the survey.



Black River Falls', Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment of the Marine Corps League, requests the honor of your presence at their Birthday Ball, commemorating the 240th Anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps, on Saturday, November 7th, 2015 at Three Bears Lodge, Warrens, WI.

The celebration will commence at 5 p.m. with cocktails, and then proceed to the formal Birthday Ceremony at 6 p.m. Dinner and an evening of dancing will follow.

The Ball is open to all Marines, their families and anyone that would like to enjoy an evening of pomp and ceremony, celebrating the birth of the United States Marine Corps. It is an event you don't want to miss. Come celebrate and have fun with Marines who are proud of their heritage, traditions and 240 years of service to our country and communities.

Tickets to this popular and time-honored event are limited. Call (715) 299-6519 for all the details.

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"Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat upon a chair. Perhaps you sent us beautiful flowers. If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you very much."

The family of Carly Greendeer would like to thank everyone who showed support through their hard time. They would also like to send a special thank you to the Office of the President and the Legislature office. The family really appreciates everyone's thoughts, prayers, support, kind words, hugs and uplifting their hearts. May Mauna bless each and everyone of you.

## DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING HAS PERMANENTLY MOVED TO WEDNESDAY

The next meeting date will be

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6 pm

Milwaukee Branch Office 3501 S. Howell Milwaukee, WI 53207

For more information please contact Rep. Visintin or Katie Funmaker at 1(800) 294-9343 ext. 1123

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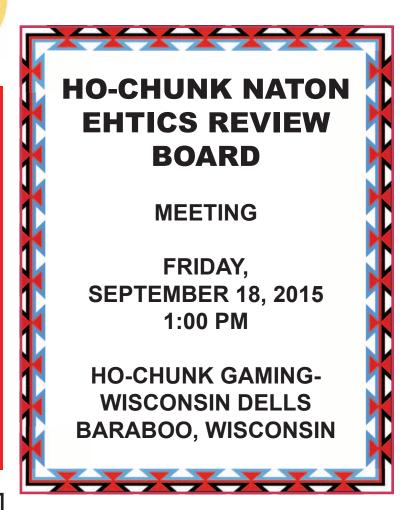
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## Ho-Chunk Nation Badger Property closed for public hunting

Submitted by Collin Price, HCN Public Relations Officer The former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) recently acquired by the Ho-Chunk Nation is closed for public hunting. Prior to Ho-Chunk's acquisition, the 1,553 acres at BAAP was open for public hunting.

Enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members are permitted to hunt at this location. They must possess a valid State of Wisconsin hunting license and abide by the hunting rules and regulations defined by the State of Wisconsin.







HO-CHUNK NATION
DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### Veterans Affairs Advisory Board Special Meeting

Date: September 25, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: TOB-Veterans Affairs Division Conference Room

The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at (715)284-9343 Ext#1274.

This meeting notice is posted in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act.

POSTED : September 15, 2015

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## Ho-Chunk Nation holds film screening with Wisconsin Public Television

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislature-

It was a great turnout for the Wisconsin Public Television (WPT) screening on Thursday, August 27, 2015. Tribal members and members of the public viewed Wisconsin Public Television's Tribal Histories: Ho-Chunk History which was narrated by Andy Thundercloud at Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah, Wisconsin. This was an early premiere to the public before the program aired on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 9pm on Wisconsin Public Television. WPT reached out to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to see if they would be interested in screening the program before it aired on television. The Legislature agreed to

work with WPT and set up a screening.

Two staffers from Wisconsin Public Television joined the crowd to introduce the film and then hold a Q & A session after the film was viewed. Jon Miskowski (Director of Television) and Mik Derks (Principal Producer) were pleased to see the size of the crowd in attendance and gain feedback from them on the film.

Mik Derks gave details on the production of the project and said, "Sometimes the wheels of production turn very slowly. I actually did the interview with Andy in October of 2011. Then when I finally got to the point of editing the show we were back up there in the summer of 2014 to shoot the footage of the landscape, the traditional court, the building of the lodge frame, and so on. So you can realistically say the show was years in the making. One of the early spinoffs of the production was an event held at Dejope Residence Hall on campus in 2013 where we showed a preview of the program and had Andy speak to the residents there."

Jon Miskowski mentioned, "Through Wisconsin Public Television's Vietnam War Stories and LZ Lambeau we met Andy Thundercloud and developed a deep respect for his service as a veteran and for his work on the Ho-Chunk language program. And we quickly grew to appreciate his great heart and sense of humor. It's so rewarding to now share that with thousands of people across Wisconsin through Ho Chunk History on Wisconsin Public Television. I know that our viewers will have that same respect and appreciation be for Andy and also learn about these important stories for our state.

If you were unable to make it to the screening you can still view the program online. It is now being streamed on the Wisconsin Public Television website at http://WPT. org.

On display is a promotional photo of Andy Thundercloud.



Posing for a photo before the showing are Jon Miskowski, Andy Thundercloud, Diane Thundercloud and Mik Derks.





Mik Derks addresses the crowd during the questionand-answer portion of the screening.



The Ho-Chunk Cinema in Tomah had many showings of the documentary.

